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SUBJ: ISCARI ACTIVITIES IN GHANA

REF: ACCRA 225; ACCRA 142

1. GOVERNMENT-OWNED /DAILY GRAPHIC/ PUBLISHED LONG BY-LINED ARTICLE BY PAPER'S NEWS EDITOR WHICH IS FIRST PUBLIC REBUTTAL OF CHARGES REPORTED IN REFTELS. UNDER TILE "WE MUST NOT FIGHT OVER STATISTICS... ON SICKLE CELL ANAEMIA IN GHANA" ARTICLE QUOTES LONG PASSAGE FROM DECEMBER 18 COMMISSIONER FOR HEALTH ADDRESS DISCUSSING SCA. WRITER POINTS OUT THAT ACCORDING TO COMMISSIONER'S FIGURES SOME 3 PER CENT OF GHANAIS HAVE THIS DISEASE, NOT THE "LESS THAN ONE PERCENT" ASSERTED IN GHANA INSTITUTE OF CLINICAL GENETICS RELEASE WHICH TOUCHED OFF EARLIER ARTICLES.

2. WRITER VOICES CONCERN OVER PREVALENCE OF DISEASE AND ASSERTS "IF WE CONTINUE TO FIGHT OVER STATISTICS IN GHANA AND FORGET ABOUT THE GRAVITY OF THE PROBLEM OUR ATTENTION WILL BE DRAWN AWAY" FROM THE SEARCH FOR CURES. ARTICLE CONCLUDES: "GHANAIS MUST THEREFORE CONSIDER THE PRESENCE OF ISCARI IN THE COUNTRY IN TERMS OF WHAT IT IS DOING IN CONJUNCTION WITH GHANAIAN SCIENTISTS TO FIND BETTER DRUGS FOR THE DEADLY
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3. WE AIRMAILING FULL TEXT TO AF/W FOR POSSIBLE INFORMATION
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